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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

AARON HOWARD, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC., *et al.*,

Defendants.

No. 08 Civ. 2804 (RWS)

ESTELLE WEBER, individually, on behalf of the Bear Stearns Companies Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan, and all others similarly situated,

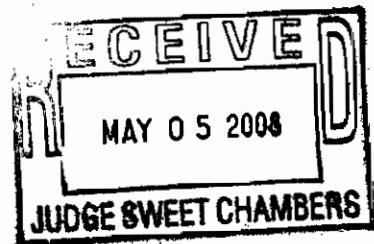
Plaintiff,

v.

THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC., *et al.*,

Defendants.

No. 08 Civ. 2870 (RWS)



ANTHONY PISANO, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC., *et al.*,

Defendants.

No. 08 Civ. 3006 (UA)

HANS MENOS, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC., *et al.*,

Defendants.

No. 08 Civ. 3035 (RWS)

IRA GEWIRTZ, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

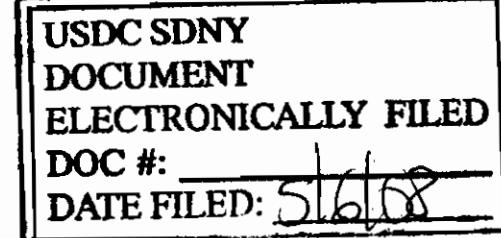
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THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC., *et al.*,

Defendants.

No. 08 Civ. 3089 (RWS)



DREW V. LOUNSBURY, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,	No. 08 Civ. 3326 (RWS)
Plaintiff, v. THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC., <i>et al.</i> , <u>Defendants.</u>	
SHELDEN GREENBERG, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,	No. 08 Civ. 3334 (RWS)
Plaintiff, v. THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC., <i>et al.</i> , <u>Defendants.</u>	
SCOTT WETTERSTEN, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,	No. 08 Civ. 3351 (RWS)
Plaintiff, v. THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC., <i>et al.</i> , <u>Defendants.</u>	
RITA RUSIN, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,	No. 08 Civ. 3441 (RWS)
Plaintiff, v. THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC., <i>et al.</i> , <u>Defendants.</u>	
LAWRENCE FINK, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,	No. 08 Civ. 3602 (UA)
Plaintiff, v. THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC., <i>et al.</i> , <u>Defendants.</u>	

STIPULATION AND [PROPOSED] ORDER

WHEREAS three motions are currently pending before Judge Sweet, and are scheduled to be heard on April 30, 2008, to consolidate the above-captioned actions (the "Actions") and appoint interim lead plaintiff and lead counsel;

WHEREAS there have been no previous requests for any extension of time to answer, move against, or otherwise respond to the complaints in the Actions;

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and among the undersigned counsel for the parties to these Actions, as follows:

1. Defendants shall have no obligation to answer, move against, or otherwise respond to – and are hereby expressly relieved from answering, moving against, or otherwise responding to – the individual complaints in the Actions pending resolution of the motions to consolidate and appoint interim lead plaintiff and lead counsel.

2. If the Actions are consolidated, lead counsel for the plaintiffs and counsel for the defendants shall confer on a schedule for the filing of a consolidated amended complaint and for any response to that complaint.

3. Nothing herein shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of any defenses in this action. Defendants reserve all arguments and defenses in the Actions.

Dated: April 29, 2008
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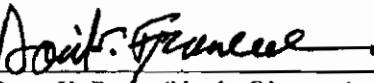
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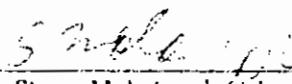
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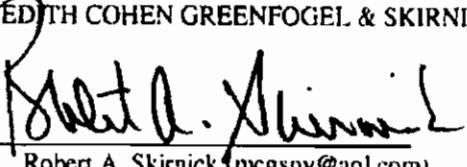
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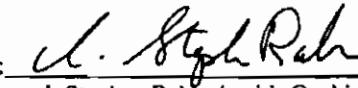
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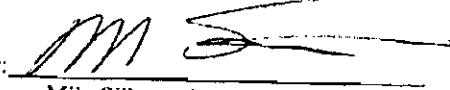
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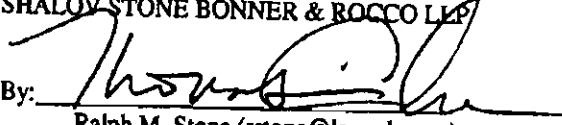
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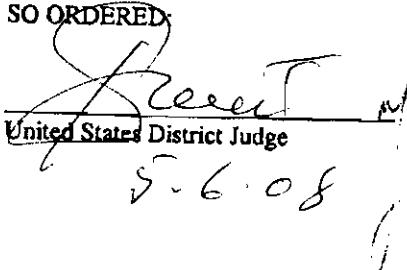
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